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Reply to Office Action of November 28, 2005

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-14 and 26-28 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 15-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-11 and 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mimatsu et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0111485). Claims 12-14 and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mimatsu et al as applied to claims 1-11 and 15-25 and further in view of in view of Ofek et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,889,935). These rejections are traversed as follows.

In order to expedite prosecution, claims 1-11 and 15-25 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file similar or identical claims in one or more continuation applications. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner, it was confirmed that claims 12-14 and 26-28 are clearly patentable over the art of record. Therefore, Applicants have elected to permit these claims to issue. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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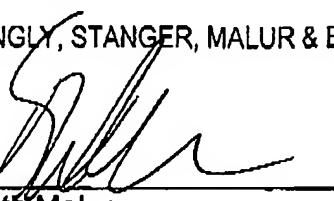
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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